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SUBJECT: THE LOCKHEED AFFAIR: LIBERAL-DEMOCRATIC PARTY VIEWS

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1. DIR GEN AMERICAN AFFAIRS BUREAU YAMAZAKI MARCH 10 ASKED ME TO CONVEY THE POSITION WHICH THE LDP TOOK DURING THE MEETINGS ON MARCH 8 OF OPPOSITION AND GOVERNMENT PARTY WHIPS DESCRIBED IN REFTEL. YAMAZAKI EXPLAINED THAT HE HAD BEEN APPROACHED BY THE LDP WHIP WHO ASKED WHETHER IN HIS MEETING WITH ME ON MARCH 8 HE HAD CONVEYED THE VIEWS OF THE LDP AS WELL AS THE OPPOSITION PARTIES. YAMAZAKI EXPLAINED THAT AFTER CHECKING WITH DEPUTY CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY KAIFU, HE HAD NOT ASKED ME TO INCLUDE THE VIEWS OF THE LDP. THE LDP WHIP THEN REQUESTED THAT THE LDP VIEWS BE CONVEYED TO THE USG SO THAT IT WILL BE CLEAR THAT THERE WAS NO "UNIFIED" DIET VIEW ON THESE MATTERS.
 2. YAMAZAKI THEN READ TO ME THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT DESCRIBING THE LDP POSITION: DURING THE MEETINGS ON MARCH 8 AFTER THE OPPOSITION PARTIES STATED THEIR VIEWS ON THE DELIVERY OF LOCKHEED MATERIALS, THE LDP REPRESENTATIVE STATED THAT THE LDP APPRECIATES THE GENERAL POLICY OF THE USG TO THE EFFECT THAT THE USG IS PREPARED, AS AN EXTRAORDINARY GESTURE OF GOODWILL, TO DELIVER TO JAPAN ALL UNPUBLISHED MATERIALS
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UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS FOR THE CLARIFICATION OF THE LOCK-

HEED PROBLEM. THE REPRESENTATIVE FURTHER STATED THAT THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT SHOULD MAKE ITS BEST EFFORTS IN LINE WITH THE RESOLUTION PASSED BY BOTH HOUSES OF THE DIET.

3. NOT SURPRISINGLY, YAMAZAKI SEEMED SOMEWHAT EMBARRASSED BY HAVING TO MAKE THIS REQUEST, BUT HE ASKED THAT I TRANSMIT THESE VIEWS "FOR THE RECORD". I, OF COURSE, AGREED TO DO SO.
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